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CROSSFIELD, ALBERTA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1915.

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NOTICE.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Crossfield Co-operative District Association U.F.A. Limited, will held on SATURDAY, DEC. 11th, at 10-30 a.m. in the I.O.O.F. Hall, to complete the Organization and elect officers and any other business, that may come before the meeting.

Signed D. K. FIKE, Temp. Pres.
A. A. HALL, Secy.

Local and General

T. Elliott has removed the stock, from the store recently occupied by him and taken it to Richdale, Alta., where he has taken a store.

The latest additions to our list of Empire defenders are Douglas Hall and S. Dawson who have joined the 56th Battalion, and J. E. Clinton the 82nd.

J. Ledingham left on Tuesday to join T. Elliott in the store at Richdale.

The Patriotic Entertainment that should have been given at the Abernethy School, this Friday Evening, November 12th, has been postponed for a week, and will take place on Friday, Nov. 19th. Come one, come all, and help a good cause.

If you want a good laugh come to the Union Church, on November 23rd.

W. Tims and D. Cummings have opened the shop lately occupied by Mrs. Capps, as a butcher's shop, Billy solicits the patronage of old friends and hopes to make the acquaintance of new ones. Don't forget, next door to Mrs. Stevens, where you will be served with the choicest meat obtainable at a reasonable price.

Under the auspices of the U.F.A. a Public Meeting will be held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, on Saturday, at Two p.m. Principal Riddle will deliver an address on "The Child and the Nation," dealing with our school problems. Dr. Riddle is a leading educationalist of the west and a strong speaker. The ladies are given a cordial invitation to attend.

The Ladies of the Tan-y-Bryn Sewing Circle announce that they will hold a dance in the I.O.O.F. Hall, on Friday, December 10th, and a Bazaar and Afternoon Tea on Saturday December 11th. Proceeds for the Red Cross Funds.

Why not have a photo of the family group taken to send east, and have your friends see a photo of the new baby. Mr. Kilroe is at studio daily.

The Ladies' Aid of the Union Church are giving an Entertainment—"A Ladies' Aid business meeting in Mohawk Crossroads." In the Church on Tuesday evening, November 23rd. Don't miss it, come and have a good laugh. This entertainment has been presented with great success in hundreds of cities, towns and villages in Canada and the United States, and has been repeated in 90 per cent. of them.

Dr. M. Meeklenburg, Opticians and Expert Eye Specialist, will again pay a visit to Castairs, on Wednesday, Dec. 1st, and Crossfield on Thursday, Dec. 2nd.

Mrs. Capps wishes to inform her friends and patrons that she has removed to the old Jessiman house (east of the Fire Hall). Where she will be pleased to receive any work you may require.

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THIS SPACE is retained for the use of Members of U.F.A., to Advertise anything they may want to sell, have to Buy or Exchange.

It is hoped that liberal patronage will be given this space, and listings not later than Tuesday evening of each week handed to the Editor or A. A. Hall, Secretary.

For Sale.—Large Size Parlor Heater, Art Garland, self-feeder. Apply John Morrison, Box 188.

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Ada Whitfield, 5 washrags.
Crossfield Sewing Circle, 6 M.-T. bandages, 1 day shirt, 1 surgical shirt, 2 doz. T. bandages, 16 hdkcs.
Miss R. Fraser, 1 surgical shirt.
Mrs. Tweedale, 1 suit pyjamas, 1 pair socks, 2 T. bandages; 2 M.-T. bandages.

This week the Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. W. McRory in charge of Mrs. Williams, who will provide refreshments. The one following will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Wicks.

There are still a few who have not paid their fees for the new year. The Executive wish to urge upon them the necessity of not neglecting this matter.

The Elba Sewing Circle did not meet last week owing to bad weather, they will come together this week at the home of Mrs. Henry Purvis. The Floral ladies will meet with them.

Hon. C. W. Fisher Speaks at Crossfield on behalf of the Patriotic Fund.

The Hon. C. W. Fisher, M.P.P., Dr. Park and A. Chapman, of Cochrane, were in town on Wednesday of this week in the interests of the Patriotic Fund. A meeting attended by a few of the citizens was held in the Fire Hall. Alberta is asked to contribute \$500,000 of the million dollars required for the families of the soldiers of Alberta, \$100,000 of this is being contributed by the civil servants of the Province. Mr. Fisher stated that last year the Cochrane Riding led all the Rural Constituencies of Alberta in this laudable enterprise, a statement of which we intend to print in next week's paper. Help is given only in cases of need, and varies from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per month according to the size of the family.

A committee consisting of Capt. Wigle, H. E. Schofield, W. D. Fraser, J. Robertson, J. H. Havens and J. P. Berry was appointed to organise this district. We bespeak for them an enthusiastic support.

Mr. Kilroe our photographer has returned from Calgary, where he has been laid up for ten days an account of spraining his ankle. He will be at his studio from now on. Get your X-ray portraits taken early and avoid hush.

November 23rd is the "Business Meeting at Mohawk Crossroads." Don't fail to see it. Twenty characters in ancient costume.

Call at the Chronicle Office and inspect our samples of Private Greeting Christmas Cards. Don't delay till the rush.

Don't Forget the Jubilee Singers at the L.O.O.F. Hall, on Wednesday Evening, December 1st.

Dr. J. H. Riddell, Edmonton, will preach at Rodney, Tan-y-Bryn and Crossfield next Sabbath and make an appeal on behalf of the Connexional interests.

Empire Defenders.

We print below a list of the men from the Crossfield district who have joined the ranks of our Empire Defenders.

Should any names have been omitted and any of our readers be able to supply us with the same we should be glad to include same.

Lieut. Col. R. L. Boyle, 10th Batt.
Killed in Action.
W. C. H. Mundell, Princess Pats,
Killed in Action.
Charles Thomas, 9th, Band.
C. J. Urquhart, 12th Mounted Rifles.
John Chases, " "
Jas. Watt, " "
W. H. Borton, " "
M. Lewis, " "
R. Lewis, " "
D. R. Lewis, " "
Robt. Salter, 31st Batt.
Jerry Fuller, " "
Cyndy Fuller, " "
Charles Courner, " "
L. J. Brown, " "
M. L. Boyle, " "
Clyde Starrock, 50th Batt.
Frank Lawlor, 50th Batt.
John Galbraith, " "
R. McDonald, " "
Piper

P. G. Swann, 31st Batt.
W. C. Clark, " "
Harry Fenwick, 50th Batt.
Jack Collins, " "
Charles Collins, " "
R. Landsturm, " "
Fred Blake, " "
C. W. H. Atkinson, Medical Corps.
Jas. Hy. Whitfield, 52nd Batt.
A. Fraser, 4th Field Co. Engineers
H. V. Dyke, " "
Capt. F. Thorpe, " "
Charles Knight, 31st Batt.
David Grant, " "
Harry Onslow, " "
G. T. Curran, 82nd Batt.
Bert. Weidage, " "
Jas. Moss, " "
L. G. Fisher, " "
J. E. Clinton, 82nd Batt.
S. Dawson, 56th Batt.
Douglas Hall, 56th Batt.

Besides there are some who have very recently removed from here and are well known, and have enlisted elsewhere:

Bruce Knox, 56th Batt.
R. H. Hunter, 13th Mounted
A. C. Witte, " "
Walter Goodland, 50th Batt. Corporal.
Jesse Fike, " "
F. Eyleschew, " "
Frank R. Parker, Senr.
W. K. Edward, 50th Batt.

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Council Meetings

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By Order of the Village Council
S-52-1 W. McRory, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge Cards

Crossfield School District No. 753

The REGULAR MEETINGS of the above school board will be held at the School House at 10 a. m. on the first Saturday in the following months: January, March, May, July, September and November. All matters of business pertaining to this district will be attended to at this meeting.
The office of the Sec.-Treas. is in the Office of the Rensland Municipality.
A. R. Thomas, Chairman.
E. S. McRory, Sec.-Treas.

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No. 42
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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH- WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

THE sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 50 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his home stead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$300.00.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or rocky land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

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The Mystery of the Ravenspurs

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(Continued)

"She smiled as she looked at our faces. That smile was nearly the end of her. Many a time since have I regretted that I didn't finish her career then and there. Had she betrayed the least sign of fear she should have done so. And by his doing your people would have been saved many a bitter error."

"At the expense of your life," Geoffrey said.

Tchigorosky shrugged his shoulders. "What matter?" he said. "The few suffer for the many. Well, as I was saying—"

The speaker paused suddenly as his eye caught something moving along the beach. It was the figure of a woman creeping along like a cat in search of some musing object. She proceeded very slowly until she approached the spot where the two men were standing, and then she paused abruptly. For a minute she stood fascinated by the sight, then she turned and ran high in the air, and a bitter wailing cry escaped her. It had been a woman's wailing cry, the cry of a woman to face with the dead body of her husband or lover, her wail of anguish had not been more poignant.

"Who can she be?" Geoffrey asked. Tchigorosky said nothing. The woman stood with her hands raised. As she turned and ran towards the cliffs, meaning as she went, Geoffrey started.

"Marion," he said. "Marion." He would have dashed forward, but Tchigorosky restrained him. "That is not your Marion," he said. "Your Marion does not dress like this."

Geoffrey looked again. It was Marion and yet not Marion. It was the girl in the blue serge dress and red tulle-shawls who resembled her so strikingly. What did this girl stand about him, and why did she stand waving over the boat? He felt he must solve this mystery.

"Sit down," Tchigorosky said slowly. "Sit down."

"But," Geoffrey cried, "I insist upon knowing—"

"And spoiling everything. Sit down, I say, or I shall have to detain you. I don't fancy you would care to acquire your strength with mine."

Geoffrey dropped into his seat.

"Perhaps not," he said. "I don't believe you want me to know who that girl is."

"I have heard worse guesses," Tchigorosky said drily.

CHAPTER XLII

Waiting

They were growing uneasy at the castle. There was forest cheerfulness about the small party that testified to the nervous tension that held them. For some years now there had been a tacit understanding on the subject of punctuating the time by necessary when any moment might precipitate the next catastrophe. The more fact of anything being late for five minutes sufficed to put the rest in a fever. And Geoffrey had not come into tea at all.

The thing was almost in itself a tragedy. Geoffrey was always so considerate of others. Nothing in the world would have induced him to stay away without first saying he was going to do so or sending a message. And tea had been a question of the past for a good hour. What could have become of him?

"Godbody asked the question, but it was unimportant in the minds of all. Vera was chattering with feverish gaiety, but there was a blinding red spot on her ghastly white face, and her eyes were wild and restless."

Marion had slipped away. The only one who betrayed no anxiety was Ralph. He sat sipping his chilled tea as if he had the world to himself and there was nobody else in it.

Presently, with quick exit or another, all slipped away until Vera was alone with Ralph. He was so quiet that she had almost forgotten his presence. When she thought herself alone she rose to her feet and paced the room rapidly.

She pressed her hands to her throbbing temples.

"God spare him," she whispered, "spare him to me! Oh, it is wicked to feel like this and still enjoy life, that if Geoffrey dies I have nothing to live for."

The tears rose to her eyes, tears of agony and reproach and self-pity. Ralph crossed the room silently. He was upon the girl ere she had heard the soft fall of his footsteps. He laid a hand on Vera's arm.

"Geoffrey is not going to die," he said.

Vera suppressed a scream. She might have cried out, but something in the expression of Ralph's face restrained her.

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"Are you sure of that?" she asked. "As sure as one can be of anything, child. No, I am alone."

"There is nobody else here, uncle. Oh, can't he be too careful," Geoffrey muttered. "Then Geoffrey is safe."

"Thank Heaven. You have sent him somewhere, uncle."

"No, I have not sent him anywhere. And you are not to ask questions. I have told you so much to spare you the agony and suspense that will overtake the others. I tell you because, had you not known, the mental strain might have broken you down," continued Ralph.

"Before long it will be proved almost beyond a demonstration that Geoffrey has become a victim to the family feud. There will be evidence to convince a jury, but all the time Geoffrey will be safe."

Vera said nothing. She could only hope. Ralph's hand lay on her shoulder with a grip that was not devoid of pain.

"You are not to show your feelings to anyone," he croaked. "You are not to betray knowledge by a single sign. Ah, if I could tell you how much depends upon your courage, reticence and your silence."

"I think you can trust me, Uncle Ralph."

"I think you can, dear. I like the ring of your voice. You are to be quiet and subdued as you are to be unable to restrain the full force of your anger. Much, if not everything, depends upon the next few hours. Now Ralph slipped away into the round."

He went along the cliffs towards the village. For a brief time Vera stood looking at the cliff trying to realize what Ralph had said.

"What did it mean," she asked herself again. But she could find no answer to the puzzle. Still, Geoffrey was safe. Whatever sensation the few hours might produce, Geoffrey had come to no harm. It would be hard to tell the others after, but she knew their grief and not lighten it by so much as a sign.

But Ralph had been emphatic on this point. Had he not said that everything hinged upon her reticence and silence? Vera went slowly to her room, her feet making no sound on the thick pile carpet.

She dreamed through the stained glass windows into the corridor. In the big room at the end of the white hall she lay face downwards on the cushions.

Vera approached softly. She saw the shoulders rise and fall as if the girl lying there was sobbing in bitter agony. It was Marion.

Her cheerful! Surely her grief must be beyond the common? "Dear Marion," Vera whispered.

She bent over the prostrate figure with heart tenderness. The girl raised her face at length. It was wet with tears and her eyes were swollen. At first she seemed not to recognize Vera.

"Why do you intrude upon me like this? Am I never to have a minute to myself? Am I always to carry the family troubles on my shoulders?"

She spoke fiercely, with a gleam in her eyes that Vera had never seen before. She drew back, frightened and alarmed. It seemed as if she could repulse her like this. But she did not go.

"I am here beside her, like this, she said. She did not know what she was saying. It was impossible to leave her in this condition."

"You are grieving for Geoffrey," she said. "He will come back to you."

"He will never come back. And I—"

She paused; she had not lost control of herself entirely. But the look in her eyes, the expression of her face, the significant pause told Vera a story. It burst upon her with the full force of sudden illumination.

"Marion," she whispered, "you love him as I do—"

So her secret was known at last! And Marion was only a woman, after all. The selfishness of her grief drove her to all other emotions.

"As you do," she cried. "What do you with your gentle nature know of love? You want the hot blood in your veins to feel the real fire of a faith, devouring affection."

"Yes, yes, I love him ten thousand times more than you do. Look at me, I am utterly lost and mad with grief and humiliation. Am I not an object of pity? Geoffrey is dead, I tell you I love him ten thousand times more than you do. Love him as you do! And you stand there without so much as a single tear for his dear memory?"

Vera flushed. The words stung her keenly. Her countenance was pale. "What think of her? And yet Marion would have been equally cold and self-contained had she known that it was impossible to give her a single hint."

"My heart and soul are wrapped up in Geoffrey," she said. "If anything happens to him I shall have nothing to live for. But I am not going to give away yet. There is still hope. And I shall hope to the end."

Marion sat up suddenly and dried her tears.

"You are a reproach to me," she said with a watery smile. "No one else would have done this."

word of reproach has passed your lips, and yet you are a reproach to me. And to you, who have heard me hear my secret! I could die of shame."

"Why?" she asked. "Surely there is no shame in a pure and disinterested affection."

(To Be Continued)

Optimists Wanted

Cannot be too Much Optimism in Canada, and Every Bit is Fully Justified

There is reported from the New York Stock Exchange a regular epidemic of buying, the orders coming from all over the country. The stock exchanges are generally accepted as the best possible barometers by which to gauge trade conditions, and adopting that standard the news from New York is decidedly welcome. It is to be hoped that the epidemic will prove infectious, and will travel to this country as quickly and as widely as possible.

Here in Canada there has certainly been a revival of trade activity during recent months, and when it comes to a head it may sweep the manufacturers, the wholesalers and the retailers, and finally the consumers, into a general buying spree. It would be merely a question of meeting the increased demand for all lines of goods, but in building up stocks that have been allowed to become depleted to a great extent. The factories, apart from their increased output, have plenty of vacant space in the warehouses, and so are the shelves in the stores. The demand for trade demands sets the wheels of prosperity turning again, they will move briskly because of the fact that there are such extensive arrears to be made.

In present circumstances it is the plain duty of everyone who can to be an optimist. There cannot be too much optimism in the country just now, and every bit of it is fully justified.—Montreal News.

Irish Home-Rule Postponed

An order-in-council has postponed the Welsh Disestablishment act, and Home Rule act in the following terms:

"If at the end of twelve months from the date of the passing of the said acts the present war is not ended, the said acts shall be postponed until the end of the present war."

"No steps shall be taken to put the Government of Ireland Act, 1914, into operation, until the expiration of the said twelve months."

The date of disestablishment of the Welsh Church act, 1914, shall be postponed until the end of the present war."

PRUCE AND PINE TREES FOR SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Supplied Under Special Conditions by Forest Nursery at Indian Head.

The Dominion government's forest nursery at Indian Head is now distributing evergreen such as spruce and pine for farming under special conditions. The distribution is confined entirely to farm planting, and no stock of any kind is supplied for planting on town or city lots. Applicants must be bona fide owners of farms. Those who desire to learn further regarding the opportunity to secure evergreens should communicate with the Forest Nursery Station, Indian Head, Sask.

The Messenger Boy

The self-made man stalked into the office of a great financier with whom he had an appointment.

"You probably don't remember me," he began, "but twenty years ago, when I was a poor messenger boy, you gave me a message to carry—"

"Yes, yes," said the financier. "Where was the messenger?"

"The strict economy which the British king and queen have exercised since the outbreak of the war has been to the nation since the war began is no new thing in the present dynasty."

King George, when the late king came to the throne, he found things carried in so many a manner that he called in Lord Farquhar to go thoroughly into every unnecessary item of expense and to do away with it. He thus saved many thousands a year. One of King Edward's earlier orders was, "No extravagance."

City Boarder—I suppose you're up with the lark?

Farmer—Before that, I have to get this hired man up with the lark.

Aim of Russians in Berlin

Will Not Be Content With Driving Enemy Out of Russia

The interview with Alexei Khvostoff, the new minister of the interior for Russia, did not announce his program, but quoted a number of interesting and enigmatic statements as to his attitude on various questions. His appointment was due, he thinks, to his recent juma speech about the excesses of German influence in Russian economic life. Reforms are necessary, but their execution must be postponed until after the war. The prime necessity for the moment is a strong and authoritative government. All efforts must be devoted to securing victory, and victory means not only driving the enemy out of Russia, "our aim is Berlin," says M. Khvostoff.

The work of the Zemstvo and municipal unions must be encouraged in every way. The recent congresses in Moscow did excellently when they showed the necessity of the functions which they raised questions of general politics. They must not be punished, however, for their slight error, the help of the unions is especially necessary in the campaign against the abnormal rise in prices, which is due to speculation and disorganization. This campaign should be the first care of the ministry of the interior.

Without a drama, political life in Russia is impossible, says M. Khvostoff, but there is no need to summon the people to the streets. No undue restrictions must be placed on the press; the idea of a preventative campaign is absurd. It is as great an anachronism as the restoration of serfdom would be.

Political measures must be taken against German dominance in Russia. The police, the army and the best way to combat the influence of German capital is by organizing Russian workmen.

The steps already taken by Prince Cheratoff to extend the rights of the Jewish community in the city of the estate. The only restriction that should be maintained with regard to Jews after the war is the prohibition of the sale of real estate.

Wintering Vegetables

How to Keep Garden Products in Good Condition Through the Winter Months

It is often a problem to know how to keep our winter vegetables after we have grown them. The outside root cellar is the best for many. Cabbage needs to be kept just as freezing point and in open crates. If kept in a warm cellar and placed closely they will not. Turnips should be kept in a warm cellar and place just above freezing. White pumpkin and squash need a warm, dry place. Onions need a moderately warm place for good storage.

Celery should be lifted with a share of the root, on it and with the earth still clinging to it. It may be packed in boxes, with the earth light about it. Celery should be kept out as long as it can be kept from freezing. The necessity of this vegetable is a cool storage. A temperature of forty-five degrees is disastrous. Thirty-five to forty degrees are allowable for the best keeping of celery. A box may be turned over to keep the tops from wilting, or wet blankets may be hung near by. Celery thus treated begins to grow in two or three weeks forming new stalks at the heart while the outside ones decay.

Salsify, parsnips, carrots and beets all need storing in sand or soil, and parsnips are much better favored in the spring than they are in the winter. Spring seems the proper time to use parsnips, and in many places these can be kept in the ground, by being protected.

"Any rattlesnakes around here?" "Well, the last man who I looked around here for summer board, asked me a lot of questions like that, and I told him there wasn't any rattlesnakes or mosquitoes or anything."

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Little Willie, whose people are not very strict churchgoers, was in a new school, and the other boys cross-examined him, as boys will.

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Unneutral Cards Barred From United States Mails

Labels Bearing the Words "Gott Strafe England" Are Non-Pailable

Postmaster-General Dulles has issued an order excluding from the United States mails postcards and envelopes regarded as of unneutral character. The order specifically includes cards and envelopes to which labels have been applied bearing the words "Gott Strafe England," and pictures denunciating of Germany's sinking of the Lusitania. The postmaster-general's order was as follows:

"Postmasters are directed to treat as non-mailable envelopes, postcards and so forth bearing slanders containing the words or having printed on them the words 'Gott Strafe England,' or a picture of the German ensign with red belt labels 'Lusitania,' inscribed as being not only unneutral, but calculated to reflect upon certain classes or persons."

It was said at the postoffice department that postcards and envelopes of the above character had been found in big cities by postmasters and post office inspectors, and that the question as to their mailable character had been referred to the department.

A determination of the postal laws and regulations was made with regard to prohibiting the mailing of such cards and envelopes.

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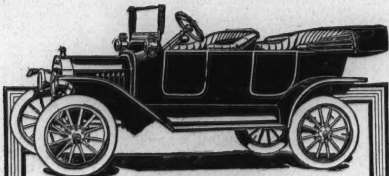
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Health of Animals.

The recently issued report of the Veterinary Director (F. Torrance, B.A., D.V.S.) is a comprehensive document and one worthy of extensive public reading. There is no branch of agriculture of more universal importance than the health of food-producing and utility animals. Dr. Torrance goes fully into the activities of his branch. "In some directions," he says, "such as the control of glanders and of mange, much progress has been made; the country has been protected against invasion by diseases foreign to it; additional facts have been brought to light by the members of the branch engaged in scientific research, and there has been a marked advance in the division entrusted with the inspection of meat and canned foods." On the other hand, the Veterinary Director General continues "I have to report a serious outbreak of dourine in the Province of Alberta and continued losses from hog cholera."

Regarding glanders it was found necessary to slaughter only 333 horses in 1914 as compared with 638 in 1913. In combating hog cholera 9,900 hogs were slaughtered in 1914 at a cost of \$61,588.44 in compensation. The figures in the latter instance present a formidable aspect, but, as Dr. Torrance remarks, "As the hog population of Canada is approximately 8,000,000 the loss of even 10,000 is not high." He adds that the disease rarely breaks out a second time on premises where it has been extirpated, that feeding of uncooked garbage to hogs continues to be in many cases the cause of the initial outbreak, and that the neglect of owners to notify the department of the appearance of the disease is chiefly responsible for its spread. The last remark applies to the initiatory manifestation of all other infectious or contagious diseases. The war against tuberculosis continues with unremitting vigor.

The research and experiments carried on at the different official laboratories is described, and statistical tables given of results, and of the inspection of animals imported and exported and of packing establishments and abattoirs. Import inspections from the United States and Newfoundland in the year ending March 31st, 1914, totalled 29,720 horses, 1,641 mules, 14,747 cattle, 213,332 sheep, 374 swine, 822 goats, 22 asses, 8 elk and 5 elephants. Some two dozen contributions from the chief divisions stationed at different points—inspectors, pathologists, biologists and superintendents of quarantine stations—with a large number of illustrations of animals variously infected, combine to make a most useful and widely interesting report, which can be had free on application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

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 - (f) CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.....
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